

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014 at 6 PM
Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Chairperson Ana Cano Morales called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Present were Sonia Grace, Stephanie Gonzalez, and Diosa Martinez. Ana-Cecilia Rosado and Hugo Figueroa arrived a few minutes later. Carlos Tobon was absent.
- II. Pledge
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes - A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 23, 2014, was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried (3,0, 1)
- IV. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirement- A motion to approve the resignations of Britany Pelosi and Elizabeth McLeland was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. Motion carried. (6,0)
- V. Approval of Bills – Grants and General Budget and Facility Improvements – A motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VI. Public Comment – None
- VII. Budget FY 2016 Update – The update was postponed to the next meeting.
- VIII. Presentation of the Early Learning Centers – Ms. Tanner began her presentation by reading the book, *Pumpkins*. Interrupting her reading to interject evidence of improvement, Ms. Tanner walked the Trustees through the School Reform Plans of both Captain Hunt and Robertson Schools. The Trustees could read the plans and hear the evidence of significant increases in family communication, decreases in the number of discipline referrals which was attributed both to the Second Step Program and Dina School with Family Check-Ups being well attended. Reading scores were discussed as was the new push-in work with Double Dose that is happening in the schools to further advance the achievements of our children. Ms. Tanner was inspirational as she informed the Trustees about the Bright Stars ratings and how the ratings will affect our school. The evening's presentation was tantalizing and enthralling as each member of the Board gained insight into the school life of our precious little ones under the deft supervision of Ms. Tanner.
- IX. Brief explanation of the Department of Justice Grant – Julia Steiny informed the Trustees about the status of the Restoration Practices in the district and how this work will be deepened through the recent grant approval. Two

handouts were delivered to the Trustees. These are attached. It was decided that Ms. Steiny would prepare an informational executive summary of the grant's expected work and impact to review at a future meeting of the Trustees.

- X. Superintendent Comments- Dr. Gallo presented the architectural renderings for the proposed Teaching and Learning Center. The Trustees were informed that the city and schools are still \$300,000 shy of their goal which must be reached before any actual renovation can begin on this building project.
- XI. Board Comment - Trustee Chair, Ms. Cano Morales, thanked Ms. Tanner for an exceptional delivery of information about the Early Learning Center and the Bright Stars achievement.
- XII. A motion to convene in executive session under R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2), to discuss certain matters that are the subject of *collective bargaining* and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation. (Specifically, certified union litigation) and further move under RI General Laws 42046-5(a)(9), that this public body convene in executive session to conduct hearings and hear grievances filed pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. (certified union grievance) was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Rosado. A roll call vote was taken. All agreed.
- XIII. Next Scheduled Meeting: October 28, 2014 at 6 PM at the Ell Risk School. Topic: More on the Budget and a visit with Report Cards
- XIV. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:50 PM by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Grace.